

fees associated with multiple claim dependencies, please cancel such earlier requested preliminary amendment(s) in favor of the following substitute preliminary amendment(s) which is(are) intended to eliminate all multiple claim dependencies from the claims as now standing after amendment at the international phase and before the US national stage filing fees are calculated:

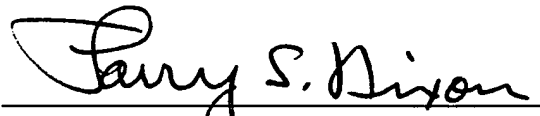
IN THE CLAIMS

No conflicts are apparent so full entry of the earlier submitted preliminary amendments, if any, is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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